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SUBJ: CIVAIR: VISIT BY IRANIAN OFFICIALS TO NEW LISBON
AIRPORT

REF: TEHRAN 3489; LISBON 1709

1. LISBON VISIT BY GEN. KHADEMI OF IRAN AIR AND TWO
ADDITIONAL IRAN AIR OFFICIALS WENT OFF SMOOTHLY.
IRANIAN DELEGATION MET WITH GOP DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
CIVIL AVIATION (DGAC), ENG. VICTOR VERES, DURING
MORNING OF MAY 7. TOUR OF LISBON AIRPORT WAS NOT
POSSIBLE DUE TO CONTINUING MILITARY CONTROL AT
AIRPORT, BUT GEN. KHADEMI SEEMED SATISFIED WITH DGAC
MEETING. FOLLOWING LUNCH HOSTED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS,
GEN. KHADEMI AND PARTY WAS GIVEN TWO HOUR BRIEFING BY
DIRECTOR OF NEW LISBON AIRPORT PLANNING CABINET (GNAL)
AND STAFF. DISCUSSION BETWEEN TWO GROUPS WAS FRANK
AND BRISK, WITH MUTUAL CONCLUSION THAT AMERICAN AIRPORT
ENGINEERING AND DESIGN CONCEPTS AND CAPABILITIES ARE MORE
PRAGMATIC THAN THOSE OF EUROPEAN FIRMS. COMMENTS ON
COMPARATIVE COSTS SUGGESTED A TOSS UP BETWEEN EUROPEAN
AND U.S. ENGINEERING SERVICES.

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2. WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO TEHRAN AIRPORT SHORT LIST

CONSISTING OF TAMS AND AEROPORT DE PARIS, GNAL DIRECTOR
EXPRESSED STRONG PREFERENCE FOR TAMS WHICH WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED
AS EXPERIENCED AND SKILLFUL, WHILE COMMENTING THAT
AEROPORT DE PARIS IS TOO SOPHISTICATED AND TOO CHAUVINISTIC.
WE COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER OURSELVES. SCOTT

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